Police Reforms

1869. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of police reforms is under consideration; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri K. Padmanabhaiah was constituted to suggest ways and means to meet the challenges the Police would face in the new millennium. The committee submitted its report to the Government in August 2000. The Committee in its report has made recommendations on wide ranging aspects of police functioning, which inter-alia, include recruitment process of police personnel, training including in service training, police behavior, involvement of public in crime prevention, increasing the commitment of police personnel, delegation of powers to lower ranks in police, revival of beat system, use of traditional village functionaries to lessen the burden on police, police patrolling on national and state highways, designs and equipping of police stations, posting and transfer of senior police officers, investigation including effective use of forensic science, prosecution, militancy & terrorism, organised crime, policing in the North-East, infrastructure & modernisation of police and amendments in various related acts etc.

On the directions of the Supreme Court of India, the Central Government constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri J.F. Ribeiro to review the action on the recommendations of National Police Commission etc. The report of this Committee has been filed in the Supreme Court and their further directions are awaited.